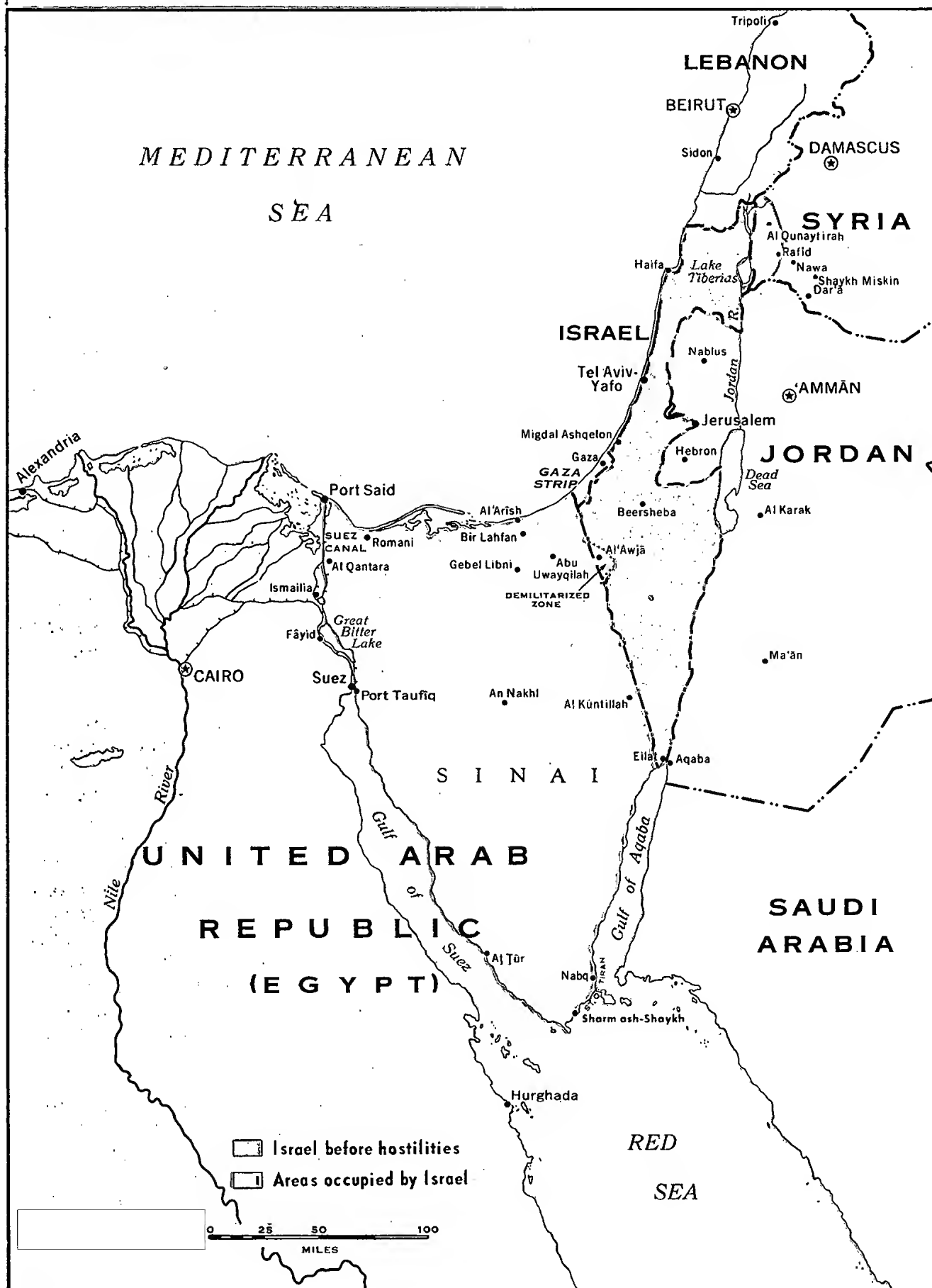


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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Arab States -
Israel
(As of 5:30 AM EDT)

The ceasefire is holding, although some sniping was reported during the night.

Reports from UN observers suggest the Israelis may be guilty as charged at last night's UN Security Council session. These observers claim they saw Israeli tanks moving east of the Syrian village of Rafid yesterday. The tanks reportedly were headed for Shaykh Miskin, a town on the main road linking Damascus with Jordan and well east of the ceasefire line.

Israeli officials are making it clear that they have no intention of giving up all the ground captured in the past week. The Gaza Strip, Jordanian territory west of the Jordan River, and the Syrian high ground overlooking Israeli settlements have all been mentioned as areas Tel Aviv intends to keep.

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2. South Vietnam

The Military Directorate continues to diddle with the presidential election law in a manner that is not going to help the already strained relations between the Directorate and the Provisional Assembly which drafted the law.

Friday the Directorate decided that when it promulgates the law, it will simply leave out one article the generals do not like. The assembly had voted earlier to retain this article which deals with the number of officials needed to vouch for, or "introduce," a presidential candidate.

3. Soviet Union

The Soviets launched a deep-space mission toward Venus last night.

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This is the eleventh Russian shot at Venus

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The present mission--if it works--will be on target in time for the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution this November.

4. Nigeria

The federal invasion of the break-away Eastern region (Biafra) planned for 11 June apparently has been postponed because of logistics problems. There was a skirmish Saturday on the border between the Northern and Eastern regions, however. An attempt to dynamite an American-owned oil storage tank on the same day suggests there may be a growing danger of sabotage.

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5. Somali Republic

Even closer relations with the Soviet Union are probably in store for the Somali Republic following ex-premier Abdirascid's election as president on Saturday. Besides his long history of cozy dealings with Moscow, Abdirascid is also a determined troublemaker where Somali territorial claims against neighboring Kenya and Ethiopia are concerned.

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